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Title: Object-Based Storage
Device with Improved
Reliability and Fast Crash
Recovery

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 10, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

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